

STAFF CONFERENCE

7 June 1954

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Monday, 7 June 1954, at 11 Hours

Mr. Dulles Presiding

Gen. Charles P. Cabell, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Col. Lawrence K. White, Acting Deputy Director for Administration
Richard Helms, Chief of Operations, DD/P
Robert Amory, Jr., Deputy Director for Intelligence
Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Inspector General
Richard Bissell, Special Asst. to the Director for Plans and Coordination

George Carey, Assistant Director for Operations

[redacted], representing the Assistant Director for Collection
and Dissemination

Sherman Kent, Assistant Director for National Estimates

Otto E. Guthe, Assistant Director for Research and Reports

John Clarke, representing the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

[redacted], representing the Assistant Director for Current Intelligence
[redacted] Assistant Director for Communications

Harrison G. Reynolds, Assistant Director for Personnel

Col. Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security

[redacted] Chief of Technical Services Staff

Matthew Baird, Director of Training

[redacted], Assistant to the Director

[redacted] Chief of Administrative Staff, DD/P

[redacted] Chief, Foreign Intelligence Staff

[redacted], Chief, Planning and Program Coordination Staff

Edward R. Saunders, Comptroller

[redacted] representing the Chief of Logistics

[redacted] Chief, Soviet Russia Division

John Bross, Chief, Eastern Europe Division

[redacted], Chief, Western Europe Division

J. C. King, Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

George Aurell, Chief, Far East Division

[redacted], Acting Chief, Near East and Africa Division

Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel

Walter Pforzheimer, Deputy General Counsel

Dr. John R. Tietjen, Chief, Medical Staff

[redacted] Chief, Management Staff

[redacted] Executive Assistant to the Director

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1. Status of Budget

Mr. Dulles stated that the Budget Hearings are progressing satisfactorily. He said a meeting had been held with three members of the Senate Committee (Saltonstall, Ferguson, and Hayden), and the Senators gave the budget a general review. Mr. Dulles noted we would not know the outcome until there was an actual vote, but he did not anticipate any change.

2. Influence of Current Events

Mr. Dulles said that CIA had been figuring in the news lately and stated that this morning's story in the New York Times (stating that Mr. Dulles had appealed for and received Presidential backing) was somewhat exaggerated. Mr. Dulles feels confident that we have Presidential support if we ask for it, but that we should stand on our own feet. He added that he has full confidence in the overall integrity and efficiency of this organization. He cautioned that each supervisor should look over his people and see that everyone is busy and indicated that some changes might be made to bolster over-worked areas. He repeated his previous feeling that CIA has grown a bit too rapidly and might be a bit too large. He remarked that critics of the Agency, however, have a tendency not to consider certain standby requirements.

3. Career Service Program

Mr. Reynolds stated that considerable progress had been made in integrating the Career Service Program into the Agency and indicated that he might have a firm report on this at the next meeting.

4. Personnel Problems

Mr. Kirkpatrick cited the case of an individual who had been suspected of passing information to persons not qualified to receive it. He stated that he had been directed to interview the man and to ask him if he was passing this information or if given the opportunity, he would pass such information. If his answer to either question was "yes", Mr. Kirkpatrick had been directed by Mr. Dulles to fire the man on the spot. The man denied the charge. He had been granted permission to seek another position in another office and was annoyed at his situation which, he said, arose out of dissatisfaction in his work by his supervisor. Mr. Kirkpatrick arranged for his transfer to another office, and the man is on a six-month trial. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated this man had received almost every training course offered in the Agency, and that training should not be given to an individual in lieu of his doing a job. Mr. Bross raised the question that the granting

of permission to seek a new assignment ought to be cleared through the Career Service Boards, and General Cabell expressed the opinion that such shopping should be controlled by the Assistant Director for Personnel. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that when such a change is made, it is necessary for the supervisor to accomplish an Evaluation Report, and if in the new job the man fails after having been given a satisfactory Evaluation Report by his previous supervisor, the burden is then placed on the previous supervisor.

5. Moves and Air Conditioning

Col. White stated that it had been hoped that PBS would handle the projected moves promptly, but unfortunately they could not do it and had to contract much of the work. He stated contracts are being let this month and the moves should begin early in July and will culminate, he estimates, about 15 September with the move of the Director's Office. He stated that there would be some shifting of air conditioning within the Agency, but that it is expected that everyone in Tempos will have from 80 to 90 percent air conditioning this year.

6. New Building

Mr. Dulles pointed out that CIA has not dropped the idea of a new building and stated that he had discussed it with Congressman Tabor. These discussions have not quite jelled because the Agency does not fit into some of the offered situations. After the House completes its Budget work, he expects to discuss this subject with Congressman Tabor again.

7. Report on Trip

Mr. Kent reported on his recent trip to the Near and Middle East and praised the uniformly high quality of CIA people in the field. He stated that he found the relations with other services usually very good and that our people are being used quite heavily in the field, particularly by the Ambassadors.

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